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General Principles by the Five Ministers'
Conference approved in Today's Cabinet Council.

In order to finish the conclusion in the Five Ministers' Conference in which various quarters at home and abroad had a great concern, the extraordinary Cabinet council of the 21st was opened at 10,00 a.m. at the Premier's official residence. It was attended by all the Ministers including Premier SAITO. At the beginning, Premier SAITO gave a detailed report on the progress and result of the Five Ministers' Conference, and asked for their approval, saying "For the purpose of fixing the state policy by adjusting national defence, diplomacy and finance, the Ministers concerned, namely, the Finance, Foreign, Army and Navy Ministers, attended the Conference five times in which exhaustive discussion and repeated consultations were made. As its result, they came to agree on the principles though differing a little with one another in the basic understanding of the facts."

Then Foreign Minister HIROTA went into detail about the present international situations, especially, explained in full the foreign policy toward Russia which was hitherto in a tangle, laying stress on the adjustment between diplomatic move and military preparations. The questions and

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answers were made about the above between some Ministers and the Foreign Minister. In the end, the following arrangement was made in which the result of the Five Ministers' Conference was approved:

1. As for the international relations, to aim at the world's peace and to endeavor to accomplish our policy by diplomatic means;
2. As for national defense, to be prepared so as not to be threatened nor despised by foreign nations and, at the same time, to pay attention to its harmonization with national strength.

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五相會議の大綱 けふ閣議で承認

内外各方面より多大の關心を持たれた五相會議の結論をつくるための三十一日の臨時閣議は午前十時から首相官邸にて開催齋藤首相外全閣僚出席、まづ齋藤首相から

國防、外交、財政の整調を根本とする國策樹立の爲、大藏、外務、陸、海軍の關係閣僚出席し五回に亘つて論議をつくし協議を重ねた結果、事實に對する根本認識については、多少の相違もあつたが、大體大綱において意見の一致を見たのである

さ五相會議の經過と結果について詳細なる報告をなしその承認を求めた。次いで廣田外相から國際情勢の現狀を詳述し殊に米露對策、特に問題の紛糾を見た對露外交方針について種々説明をなして外交工作と軍備工作との整調を力説する所あつた。右につき二三閣僚と外相との間に質問應答あり、結局左の申合せをして五相會議の結果を承認した

第一、國際關係は世界平和を念とし外交手段によつて我方針の貫徹を計ること
第二、國防に關しては他國よりの脅威をうけず外侮蒙ることなきを期すること
共に我國力に調和せしむるに留意すること